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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re application of:

WARREN M. FARNWORTH
SALMAN AKRAM

Serial No. 09/266,237

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Examiner: KORBERT, R.

For: TEST INTERCONNECT FOR BUMPED
SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENTS AND
METHOD OF FABRICATION

Attorney Docket No. 97-1433

RESPONSE

April 27, 2001

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, having a statutory period for response set to expire on April 27, 2001.

With respect to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect Invention I (apparatus). Claims 1-33 read on elected Invention I.

In response to the election of species contained in the Office Action. Applicants hereby elect the (2) Species of Figures 3A and 3B. Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 17, 18, 25-27 and 31-32 read on the elected (2) Species.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-12, 17, 18, 25-27 and 31-32 is requested. Also being filed concurrently with this Response is an IDS. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone.



DATED this 27th day of April, 2001.

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